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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner questioned the status of Claim 16 as it was not included in the listing of the amended claim sheets of the preliminary amendment of February 20, 2002. The Applicant respectfully notes that the Applicant's understanding of the requirements for submission of an amendment at that time did not require the listing of the complete set of claims and an indication of their current status as is now required. As Claim 16 was not amended with the preliminary amendment, the Applicant did not include a listing of Claim and the text thereof in the preliminary amendment, however wishes to have the claim examined on the merits.

The Applicant also respectfully requests entrance for examination of new Claims 25 and 26. The Applicant respectfully notes that the new claims are also directed to a production/injection line assembly for subsea transportation of hydrocarbons as are the elected Claims 1-12, 14-16, and 20-24 elected by this paper. The Applicant does not believe the new claims to be subject to further restriction.

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SUMMARY

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

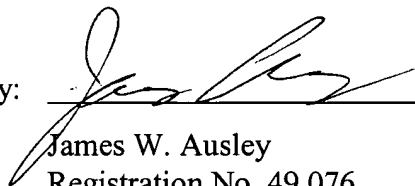
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